State of Idaho **DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor

700 West State Street, 3rd Floor P.O. Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0043 Phone (208)334-4250 FAX # (208)334-4398 WILLIAM W. DEAL Director

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 26, 2008

CONTACT: Tricia Carney 208-334-4312 tricia.carney@doi.idaho.gov

Idaho Fire Code Book Available Online

BOISE ID – The Idaho Fire Code is now available in an online format. Through the joint efforts of the Idaho Department of Insurance, Idaho State Fire Marshal's Office and a licensing agreement with the publisher, the code is now available as a reference to everyone via the internet.

For years the general public only had access to the fire code through fire-related agencies unless they purchased a copy. In support of Governor Otter's request for better customer service, State Fire Marshal Mark Larson has made the book available to the general public.

"This is a significant improvement in the way we are providing the residents of Idaho access to fire code information," said Larson. Idahoans will no longer be required to visit the Fire Marshal's office or their local fire department to read it.

As one of a family of codes affecting building in Idaho, Idaho Fire Code sets forth the minimum standard for the state of Idaho. According to Larson, the Fire Marshal's office receives numerous calls each week from people wanting to review the code for clarification or information.

Idahoans can access a direct link to the Idaho Fire Code from the Fire Marshal's website, www.doi.idaho.gov. The State Fire Marshal's office can also be reached at 334-4370 in Boise, 800-721-3272 toll free statewide.

The Idaho Fire Code is also available for purchase. Information about the international family of codes is available through www.iccsafe.org.